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Sir:

This is a request for filing a  continuation  divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 09/734,336 filed on November 30, 2000.

of Miller et al.

(inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING A GLOBAL MASTER PATIENT INDEX  
(title of invention)

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4a.  New formal drawings are enclosed.

4b.  Informal drawings are enclosed.

- 5a.  Priority of application United States Provisional Application no. is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- 5b.  The certified copy has been filed in prior application no. , filed
6.  The prior application is assigned of record to WebMD Corp., at Reel 011920, Frame 0498.
- 7a.  A copy of the Declaration filed in the prior application no. 09/734,336, filed November 30, 2000 is enclosed.
- 7b.  A Power of Attorney for the assignee of record is enclosed.
8.  This application contains nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required to be disclosed in a Sequence Listing under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825. It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer readable form from prior application no., filed on be made a part of the present application as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). The sequences disclosed therein are the same as the sequences disclosed in this application. A copy of the paper Sequence Listing from application no. is enclosed.
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11.  Additional enclosures or instruction

Date December 31, 2003

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Prior application information: Examiner: Kalinowski, A. Group Art Unit: 3626

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